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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 2006

TO: Circuit, Family Division, and District Court Judges
cc: Court Administrators
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FROM: Nial Raaen, Trial Court Services Director

RE: New Statutory Authority to Collect Funds from Prisoner Accounts

[MCL 769.11](#), a new statutory provision, codifies the process to collect funds from prisoner accounts to pay court-ordered fines, costs, and assessments.

Effective January 1, 2006, if a court has ordered a prisoner under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to pay any fine, cost, or assessment, and the prisoner receives more than \$50 in a month, MDOC shall deduct 50 percent of the amount over \$50 received by the prisoner in a month for payment of the court-ordered financial sanctions. When the amount collected exceeds \$100, MDOC is required to forward it to the court. The courts should use form MC 288 for all financial sanctions ordered by the court, **excluding** restitution.

In addition, this new statutory language requires that MDOC gives priority to a restitution order entered pursuant to the Crime Victim's Rights Act over an order issued under this new section.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Barber at barberb@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5895.